

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. – 5. (Cancelled)

6. (New) A piston for an automobile transmission that includes a clutch, the piston comprising:

a piston main body including a first section extending radially relative to an axis of the piston, a second section extending axially relative to said axis from an end of said first section, and a third section extending radially outward relative to said axis from an end of said second section, said piston main body movable along said axis within an annular hole;

a reinforcement member separate and apart from said piston main body that is provided on and directly contacts an outer periphery of said second section and directly contacts said third section; and

a first sealing member provided on the reinforcement member and having a first seal lip for sealing an outer surface of the annular hole,

wherein said reinforcement member extends axially from said third section into a root of said first seal lip, and

said third section being adapted to contact the clutch as said piston main body moves axially within said annular hole.

7. (New) The piston according to Claim 6, wherein said reinforcement member contacts substantially an entire length of said second section.

8. (New) The piston according to Claim 6, further comprising a second sealing member provided on said piston main body for sealing an inner surface of said annular hole, wherein said first sealing member and said second sealing member are integrally formed on said piston main body and said reinforcement member after said reinforcement member is fitted to said piston main body.

9. (New) The piston according to Claim 6, wherein said first sealing member is integrally formed on said reinforcement member and said reinforcement member is fitted to said piston main body after said sealing member is integrally formed.